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In re Application of :  
Bernal, et al. :  
Application No. 10/019,494 :  
Filed: February 27, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 344-P-29-CIP-USA :  
For: METHOD FOR DETECTING AND :  
KILLING EPITHELIAL CANCER CELLS :

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed on February 2, 2006 to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely respond to the final Office action mailed June 6, 2005, which set an extendable three month period for reply. Applicants filed a request for a three month extension of time and required fee, a RCE and required fee, and a change of address on December 2, 2005. As stated in the January 17, 2006 Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination, the RCE was not accompanied by a submission and was therefore improper. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on December 7, 2005. The filing of the instant petition precedes the mailing of A Notice of Abandonment.

Applicants have submitted a RCE and required fee and amendment in reply to the June 6, 2005 final Office action, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the June 6, 2005 final Office action, and the petition fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

After the mailing of this decision the application will be forwarded to Technology Center GAU 1618 for further examination.

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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